1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Technical Education						
2001-02	939.99	1883.19	2823.18	789.35	1771.04	2560.39
2002-03	906.38	2031.07	2937.45	804.64	2015.87	2820.51
2003-04	1076.59	2105.73	3182.32	870.05	1963.03	2833.08
2004-05	1290.78	2096.47	3387.25	1135.82	2139.06	3274.88 (RE)
2005-06	1510.90	2209.16	3720.06	NA	NA	NA

Illiterate mothers of school children

†48. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 52.87 per cent mothers of the school going children in the country are illiterate;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the field of adult education during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that enrolment of children of 6 to 14 years of age in the schools at the national level has declined during 2006; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to register growth in enrolment of children of the above mentioned age group in the schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to 2001 Census, the literacy rate amongst women was 53.67%.

(b) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims at imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15—35 age-group. The important schemes in NLM include Total Literacy Campaigns for providing basic literacy to adult illiterates, Post Literacy Programme for reinforcement of literacy skills of the neo-literates and Continuing Education Programme for providing life-long educational opportunities. At present, 597 districts have been covered under various literacy programmes. Apart from ongoing literacy programmes, NLM has taken up special female literacy programme during the last three years in Bihar, Orissa and Jharkhand covering a population of 35 lakh women. In addition, some of the State Governments have launched specific initiatives for improving the literacy rates, particularly amongst women. In Andhra Pradesh, "Akshar Bharathi" was launched

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

enrolling 16.5 lakh persons. Rajasthan has organized 'Mahila Shikshan Shivirs' under which women are imparted literacy in specially set up camps for 15 days duration. Nearly 17,000 such camps have been organized since the last three years benefiting nearly 4.28 lakh women. In Karnataka, a programme called 'Kalike Galike' *i.e.* 'Earn While You Learn' has been implemented covering 4.22 lakh women.

(c) No, Sir. The enrolment of children in the age-group of 6-14 years is increasing as evident from the table given below:—

(*In million*)

Year	Primary (Grades I-V)	Upper Primary (Grades VI-VIII)
1999-2000	113.6	42.1
2000-2001	113.8	42.8
2001-2002	113.9	44.8
2002-2003	122.4	46.9
2003-2004	128.3	48.7
2004-2005	131.7	51.6

(d) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a national programme to universalize elementary education in a time bound manner, is being implemented in the country. Under this programme, several interventions such as opening of new schools, setting up of Education Guarantee Scheme Centres and Alternative & Innovative Education facilities, provision of incentives, focus on education of girls and weaker sections of the society and improvement in quality of education in schools, have been undertaken to enhance enrolment of children in the 6—14 years age-group.

Inquiry into irregular practices in CIEFL

49. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an inquiry committee was set up to look into the alleged irregular practices in the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;